

# Try a putt-clip from nasty lies

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Congratulations to Jason Dufner, who returned to the winner's circle last weekend at The Memorial tournament in Dublin, Ohio.

Dufner led after two rounds at -14 with a pair of 65s that set a tournament scoring record. He fell back but managed a comeback with some great shot making and putting to finish at -13 for a three-shot victory.

Honourable mention goes to Graham DeLaet, who managed a tie for 10th after a final-round four-under 68.

The wet start to the season has produced some unfavourable lies on the course and around the greens. One shot that I like to use when we need to pop the ball up out of a bad lie around the greens is a putt-clip.

This shot is played like a putt but uses the loft on the club to pop the ball up in the air out of those tricky lies so it can roll up close to the hole. Start by standing a little taller like you would for a putt. Take the same grip on the club that you would if you were putting

and let the arms hang, you do not want your hands to try and help the ball out of the grass.

Choose the club that has the right amount of loft to get the ball over the grass in front of you, more loft for shorter roll and a little less for a longer rollout.



From the Ground Up



You want the club to stand on the toe of the club as this will let the loft do the work but allow the club to slide through the grass. Make a couple practice swings to test the resistance of the grass and the speed you will need and then step up to the ball and let the swing happen.

With some practice, this is a shot that can save you some strokes from those nasty lies.

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# Bulldogs earn fourth win in a row

First place in the Ontario Jr. B Lacrosse League's East Conference is well within the reach of the Halton Hills Bulldogs as the final two weeks of the regular season unfolds.

Riding a four-game winning streak, the Bulldogs downed the visiting Mississauga Tomahawks 12-4 on Saturday night and followed it up with a 7-6 victory in Brampton over the Excelsiors Sunday evening at Memorial Arena.

Scoring for the Bulldogs Sunday were Mason Wright (3), Cody Menzies (2), Cam Downey and John Vezina, who added three

assists.

On Saturday, Zack Kearney (4), Matt Hodgins, Menzies, Vezina, Theo Dol, Nathan Ethier, Derek Jensen, Steven Portelli and Downey found net.

Halton Hills, now 11-3-1 on the campaign, is battling for top spot in the East Conference with the Clarington Green Gaels (11-3) and the Akwesasne Indians (10-4) and will play both of those teams in the five remaining games.

The Dogs host the 8-6 Orillia Kings Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Alcott Arena and the Gaels visit Saturday starting at 7:30 p.m.



The provincial-champion Halton Hills under-13 Bulldogs. Team members (front, from left) are: Noah Kearney, Joshua Cheeseman. Second row: Ty Jesso, Brennan O Handley, Ethan Keating. Third row: Blake Tonelli, Owen Burd, Callum Witter, Cameron Waite, Alex Messier, Jackson Grognovic, Kaiden Merritt, Logan Santori. Back row: Coaches: Gord Lyons, Tim Jesso, JR Reid, Jordan Dance. Submitted photo

# Team of the Week: U-13 Bulldogs

The Halton Hills under-13 boys Bulldogs went undefeated at the Ontario Minor Field Lacrosse League championships in Brampton on the Victoria Day long weekend to capture the provincial title for their division.

Preliminary round Halton Hills 10, Burlington 2; Halton Hills 10, Whitby 2; Halton Hills 15, Huntsville 4  
Semifinal Halton Hills 7, Kitchener 3  
Final Halton Hills 12, Clarington 2

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**Nathan Burwell** s s r o n n o r r o s s o n t  
s r s n s n r o r n s s o n t  
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